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## THE ELECTIONS OF 1903

The elections of 1903 presented several surprises. Democrats carried

Kentucky, Governor Beckham being re-elected by a plurality of 30,000.

This is said to be the largest plurality given a democratic gubernatorial candidate in Kentucky in fifteen years.

Democrats carried Maryland, General Warfield, the democratic nominee for governor, being elected by a plurality of 8,000, carrying with him the entire democratic state ticket. The democrats also control the Maryland legislature and they will on joint ballot a majority of 40.

In Iowa Governor Cummins and the balance of the republican state ticket were successful, Cummins having a plurality of 80,000.

Colorado was carried by the republicans, Campbell, the republican nominee for justice of the supreme court, being elected by a plurality of 7,000.

In Rhode Island, the democrats won the governor, Governor Garvin being re-elected by 1,300 plurality, the republicans carrying the rest of the state ticket, on pluralities averaging 2,000. The republicans also carried the Rhode Island legislature, having in that body on joint ballot a majority of ten.

In Pennsylvania the republican state ticket, comprising the auditor general, state treasurer and judges was elected, the various republican majorities ranging from 225,000 to 230,000.

In Ohio, Myron T. Herrick, the republican nominee, was elected over Tom Johnson by a plurality of 141,000, the republicans also capturing the legislature; out of 143 members of that body they will have 95, thus ensuring Mr. Hanna's re-election. It is significant that in commenting upon the election returns, Chairman Dick of the republican state committee does not say that the election was an indorsement of the Roosevelt adminis-

tration, but prefers to say "Hanna's personality did it."

In San Francisco, Schmitz, the present mayor and the union labor candidate for re-election, was re-elected, having a plurality of 3,434 over his republican opponent. The democratic candidates for several other important municipal offices in San Francisco were elected.

In Massachusetts, the republican state ticket was re-elected, Governor John L. Bates, the republican nominee for re-election, defeating William A. Gaston by 37,120. In the lower house of the Massachusetts legislature, the republicans gained two members, the representation in the senate remaining unchanged.

In New York city, George B. McClellan, the democratic nominee for mayor, was elected over Mayor Seth Low by a plurality of 63,617. Comptroller Edward M. Grout and Chas. D. Fornes, president of the board of aldermen, running for re-election on the democratic ticket, who were elected two years ago by fusionists, defeated their fusion opponents by 66,790 and 64,973 plurality.

The republicans carried Nebraska, electing John B. Barnes, their candidate for judge of the supreme court, by about 8,000 plurality over the present chief justice, Sullivan. The republican candidates for regents of the state university were also elected.

In Mississippi the democratic ticket headed by J. K. Vardeman, candidate for governor, was elected without opposition.

In New Jersey, the democratic ticket was chosen and neither party made any gains, the legislature will, therefore, stand the same as it did last year.

In Virginia the democrats swept the state in the election of members of the assembly.

In Salt Lake City's municipal election the democrats made marked gains, Norris, the democratic candidate for mayor, being elected.

## The Bennett Bequest.

When a man like Dowie has hundreds of thousands of dollars thrown at him by enthusiastic admirers, it would seem as if William J. Bryan could be a beneficiary under the will of an old friend and political supporter without exciting public scandal. It is well known that Mark Hanna and some other Ohio men gladly paid the late William McKinley's financial obligations when a friend whose notes he had indorsed suddenly became insolvent and made Mr. McKinley a poor man. That was before Mr. McKinley was nominated to the office of president. No one has accused Mr. McKinley of using undue influence upon his rich friends; no one has accused him of doing anything dishonorable in accepting their bounty.

Mr. Bryan's relations with the late Mr. Bennett seem entirely creditable to him. Mr. Bennett admired Mr. Bryan as much as Mr. Carnegie does Booker T. Washington, and he desired to place him beyond the possibility of financial harassments in much the same way that Mr. Carnegie did in Mr. Washington's case. Mr. Bennett believed that Mr. Bryan could be of great service to his countrymen as a popular champion of principles, the advocacy of which Mr. Bennett wished to promote. That is all there is to the Bennett bequest. To understand it, people must get a squint of things from Mr. Bennett's viewpoint. Of course Mr. Bennett's view of Mr. Bryan is not held by the majority of the inhabitants of the east or of the United States, but that does not affect the

case in the least. It is apparent that Mr. Bryan is capable of winning the admiration of men of Mr. Bennett's type to such an extent that they almost force their money upon him.

Mr. Bryan's declaration that he stands ready to devote his share under his friend's will to charitable and educational objects is undoubtedly sincere. It is now the duty of the court to decide whether Mr. Bennett was sane and was also very much in earnest in wishing a certain portion of his fortune to pass into Mr. Bryan's hands. There may be fine legal points involved which may complicate the settlement of the estate. In no event, however, can it be said, so far as appears from the evidence, that Mr. Bennett failed to provide generously for his wife in his effort to make Mr. Bryan a beneficiary; nor can it fairly be said that Mr. Bryan has been grasping greedily for his friend's money.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

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